

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-99

For: County Offices

**Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1456
Amendment #1**

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective April 14, 2003, President Bush amended Major disaster declaration to include additional counties in the state of Tennessee. This action is based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, and flooding, that occurred from February 14 through February 26, 2003.

Disposal

May 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following Arkansas county is named as contiguous disaster counties:

Mississippi

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through December 14, 2003, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded M1456.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is February 14, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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Exhibit 1

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Mississippi County Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

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Mississippi County is also eligible because it is contiguous to the State of Tennessee's primary counties.

Farmers in the disaster area have until December 14, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.